

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3438 - HB 3660

February 25, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts any person engaged in farm operations from rules and regulations promulgated by state or federal government, if such person does not receive farm subsidies and does not participate in state or federal agriculture programs for the receipt of such subsidies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$5,000/One-Time
\$72,800/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Agriculture (DOA) indicates that it would have to obtain specific federal and state information on approximately 83,000 Tennessee farmers, information that it does not currently possess, for confirming whether or not such individuals have received federal or state aid in the past. DOA indicates that it would need additional resources to meet the provisions of this bill.
- Two additional Administrative Services Assistant 2 positions would be required for obtaining and analyzing the necessary information to confirm that eligible individuals have not received federal or state aid. The recurring increase to state expenditures for the two additional positions is estimated to be \$72,800 per year (salary, benefits, supplies, etc.). One-time state expenditures are estimated to be \$5,000 (computers and software).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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